

For Shannon and all the Cernekas

GOD OF THE COVENANTS

Two-Part Choir, Cantor, Assembly, 2 C Instruments, Guitar, Keyboard

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INTRODUCTION

With motion $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 58$

2 C Instruments

C D \flat Fm/C E \flat /B \flat E \flat sus E \flat A \flat Cm7

2 C Insts.

D \flat Fm Gsus G C B \flat m/G Fm/G

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Composer's notes: This piece is meant to be used as a Lenten gathering hymn. Verses for each of the main celebrations of Lent are crafted from the scripture appointed for the day, paying special attention to the Old Testament passages that detail the many covenants made with God's chosen people. These are most prevalent in Year B, but appear in every Lenten season. The music echoes these covenants by borrowing from Jewish harmony, melody, and rhythm. Participation is assisted by repetition in both refrain and verses. The assembly is thus able to enter into an often-overlooked aspect of the Lenten season, preparation to pray over and participate in the "new and everlasting covenant"—a covenant of love and sacrifice manifested by Christ in his last supper, his death on the cross, and his rising to new life. Singing both the verse prescribed for the specific celebration and the final verse each time the hymn is sung will help reinforce the connection with God's many attempts to forge covenants with us from the beginning of creation until now.

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REFRAIN

9 *2 C Insts.*

Cantor/Assembly
clean heart cre - ate for me, O God,

Choir
A clean heart cre - ate for me, O

C B^bm/G C B^bm/G

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God of the cov - e-nants of old.

God, God of the cov - e-nants of

C B^bm/G C B^bm/G

17

You are our God and we are your peo - ple.

old. You are our God, we your peo - ple.

C D^b Fm/C E^b/B^b E^bsus E^b A^b Cm7

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Write your law up - on our hearts. hearts.

Write your law up - on our hearts. hearts.

D^b Fm Csus G C5 C

To Verses Final

To Verses Final

To Verses Final

C5

VERSES—YEAR A*

26 2 C Insts.

Cantor/Choir

Ash Wed God _____ of mer - cy, _____ God of _____ grace,
 1st God of cre - a - tion, of night and _____ day,
 2nd God _____ of I - saac and A bra - ham,
 3rd God _____ of Mo - ses and Is - ra - el,
 4th God _____ of Da - vid and Sam - u - el,
 5th God of the life - less, _____ God who re - deems,
 Palm Sun God _____ who suf - fers, _____ serv - ant _____ God,
 Final God _____ of prom - ise. _____ God of _____ hope.

Fm B^b B^b7/D E^b E^b/D B^b/D Cm Cm/B^b

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Choir/Assembly

God of the cov - e - nants of old:

A^b D^b G C G7sus/D C7/E

*Select appropriate verse, followed by refrain. End with final verse and refrain. If using the RCIA readings, verses are found on page 12.

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Cantor/Choir

Ash Wed Wash us from our guilt, wipe our sins a - way,
 1st Lead us not to sin but to ho - li - ness,
 2nd Bless us in your love as we trust your word,
 3rd Lead us to the land you have prom - ised us,
 4th Call us, a - noint us and fash - ion us,
 5th Lis - ten to our cry, hear our fer - vent prayer,
 Palm Sun Be our faith - ful help, be not far from us,
 Final Show us, through your Son, your new cov - e - nant,

Fm E^b E^b/sus E^b A^b E^b/G Fm Fm/E^b

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To Refrain

Choir/Assembly

*To Refrain
Cantor/Assembly*

write your law up - on our hearts. A

D^b Fm Gsus G C B^bm Fm/G *To Refrain*

VERSES—YEAR B*

42 2 C Insts.

Cantor/Choir

<i>Ash Wed</i>	God	of	mer - cy,	God	of	grace,
<i>1st</i>	God	of	No - ah,	God	of	the flood,
<i>2nd</i>	God	of	I - saac and	A	bra -	ham,
<i>3rd</i>	God	of	proph - ets,	God	of	the law,
<i>4th</i>	God	of	ex - iles,	God	of	the lost,
<i>5th</i>	God	of	for - give - ness,	per -	fect	God
<i>Palm Sun</i>	God	who	suf - fers,	serv -	ant	God,
<i>Final</i>	God	of	prom - ise	God	of	hope.

Fm B^b B^b7/D E^b E^b/D B^b/D Cm Cm/B^b

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Choir/Assembly

God of the cov - e - nants of old:

A^b D^b G C G7sus/D C7/E

*Select appropriate verse, followed by refrain. End with final verse and refrain. If using the RCIA readings, verses are found on page 12.

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Musical staff for Cantor/Choir, measures 50-53. The staff shows a melodic line in G minor with a fermata over measure 50.

Cantor/Choir

Musical staff for Cantor/Choir, measures 50-53. The staff shows a harmonic accompaniment in G minor.

Ash Wed Wash us from our guilt, wipe our sins a - way,
 1st Wash our sins a - way, give us hope a - gain,
 2nd Bless us in your love as we trust your word,
 3rd Help us speak your truth, and to live your love,
 4th Help us sing your songs in a for - eign land,
 5th Draw us to your - self, glo - ri - fy your name,
 Palm Sun Be our faith - ful help, be not far from us,
 Final Show us, through your Son, your new cov - e - nant.

Fm E^b E^bsus E^b A^b E^b/G Fm Fm/E^b

Musical staff for piano accompaniment, measures 50-53. The staff shows a harmonic accompaniment in G minor.

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Musical staff for Cantor/Choir, measures 54-57. The staff shows a melodic line in G minor with a fermata over measure 54.

To Refrain

Choir/Assembly

To Refrain
Cantor/Assembly

Musical staff for Cantor/Choir, measures 54-57. The staff shows a harmonic accompaniment in G minor.

write your law up - on our hearts. A

D^b Fm Gsus G C B^bm Fm/G To Refrain

Musical staff for piano accompaniment, measures 54-57. The staff shows a harmonic accompaniment in G minor.

58 2 C Insts.

Cantor/Choir

Ash Wed God of mer - cy, God of grace,
 1st God of Mo - ses and Is - ra - el,
 2nd God of A - bram, God of the stars,
 3rd God of de - liv - 'rance, I AM who am,
 4th God of Is - ra - el, God of the lost,
 5th God of the des - ert, God of love.

Palm Sun God who suf - fers, serv - ant God,
 Final God of prom - ise, God of hope.

Fm B^b B^b/D E^b E^b/D B^b/D Cm Cm/B^b

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Choir/Assembly

God of the cov - e - nants of old:

A^b D^b G C G7sus/D C7/E

*Select appropriate verse, followed by refrain. End with final verse and refrain. If using the RCIA readings, verses are found on page 12.

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Cantor/Choir

Ash Wed Wash us from our guilt, wipe our sins a - way,
 1st Lead us to the land you have prom - ised us,
 2nd Help us to be - lieve all your prom - i - ses,
 3rd Wit - ness our af - flic - tion and hear our cry,
 4th Bring us home to you, let us feast a - gain,
 5th Give to us your joy and our lives re - new,
 Palm Sun Be our faith - ful help, be not far from us,
 Final Show us, through your Son, your new cov - e - nant.

Fm E^b A^b E^b/G Fm Fm/E^b

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To Refrain

Choir/Assembly

*To Refrain
Cantor/Assembly*

write your law up - on our hearts. A

D^b Fm Gsus G C B^bm Fm/G *To Refrain*

VERSES — RCIA*

74 2 C Insts.

Cantor/Choir

3rd God of sin - ners, God of — doubt,
 4th God of ill - ness, God of — pain,
 5th God of mourn - ers, God of the dead,

Fm B^b B^b7/D E^b B^b/D B^b/D Cm Cm/B^b

Choir/Assembly

God of the cov - e - nants of old:

A^b D^b G C G7sus/D C7/E

These verses may be used during Year A on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, or in any year when the RCIA readings are used.

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Cantor/Choir

3rd Help us to be - lieve in your ho - ly word,
 4th O - pen our eyes, help us see a - gain,
 5th Bring us to new life, let us rise a - gain,

Fm Eb Eb sus Eb Ab Eb/G Fm Fm/Eb

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Cantor/Assembly

write your law up - on our hearts.

Db Fm Gsus G C Bbm Fm/G *To Refrain*

To Refrain
Cantor/Assembly